

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 18th August 2014 at 7.30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs David Sharman (*Chairman*), John Morris, Ian Maberley, Caroline Fairclough, Roger Llewellyn and Dean Christy. Also in attendance: Cty Cllr John Morris and Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Elaine Lusted

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None reported.

3. **Planning Matters:**

3.1 Applications

- (i) 14/10880/FUL: Proposed 2 storey extension – **Rose Cottage, Glangrwyney NP8 1EE** Reconsultation due to amendment. Cllr Fairclough proposed a response of no objection be submitted. This was seconded by Cllr Christy and duly agreed.
- (ii) 14/10965/FUL: Retrospective permission for two tipi sites at **Ty Croes Farm, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SY**. Cllr Morris proposed this application be supported provided BBNPA are happy with the traffic it generates and sewerage facilities. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed.

3.2 It was noted the following applications have been **PERMITTED**:

- (i) 14/10883/FUL – Change of use of a redundant steel framed shed [sui generis] into an office and trading centre (B1) – **Gwernybustach, Fforest Coal Pit**
- (ii) 14/10846/FUL – Proposed porch, single storey side extension and re-modelled single storey rear extension **The Mill, Llanbedr NP8 1SY**.
- (iii) 14/10951/FUL – conversion of car port into home office/studio and extension of dwelling with new garden room - **21 Dan-y-Gollen, Glangrwyney**
- (iv) 14/10934/CON – **Cwrt Y Gollen Army Training Camp, Crickhowell** – variation of condition 1 of planning permission 09/02984/FUL to extend the period of time for the implementation of construction of replacement indoor firing range.

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris reported:

- The new Education Portfolio holder has yet to be confirmed.
- PCC is currently consulting on whether to close or reduce opening hours for libraries.
- Concerns remain regarding the Day Centre in Crickhowell. PCC is currently working with a group of people including the Volunteer Bureau who plan to take it over. A business plan is currently being prepared which should be available by the end of September, following which it will go out to consultation. Whilst it was initially planned to hand the Day Centre over in September this is more likely to take place March/April 2015. There are plans to offer wider services (ie hairdressers) and open for wider usage. There is a danger however it may suffer from “volunteer exhaustion”. Future support may be required from the Five Councils.
- In response to the question of whether the Meals on Wheels service is ongoing Cty Cllr Morris reported PCC has stated nobody will go without a meal. The Volunteer Bureau has found a private company who will provide meals, however they will need to organise delivery. Whilst there is a problem with the Centre’s present kitchen it is hoped this can be overcome as it will prove a valuable asset going forward.
- PCC is in the in process of setting up a Sports Association.
- Richard Hobbs has now left the County. His replacement will be appointed on 1st September. Changes are to be made in the way Highways operates. PCC is looking at new ways of operating which involve using private companies.
- New lorries are being used for rubbish collections - new regimes – business collection has been introduced.
- It was felt the closure of lay-bys in Crickhowell has resulted in cars parking by the mini-roundabout on Standard Street/Belfountain Road which was considered dangerous and questioned whether yellow lines could be painted? It was however recalled the majority of residents had recently opposed plans to install additional yellow lines. It was questioned whether the hedge could be trimmed as this also obscures visibility. Cllr Cty Morris suggested the Council report this matter to the police.
- The culvert in Llangenny was noted to remain a problem – Cty Cllr Morris understood this had been cleared however will chase it up.

Cty Cllr Morris reported he had written to the planners regarding the Cwrt Y Gollen application and been informed the application is a resubmission of a previously refused scheme submitted on 19th October 2012 which was held in abeyance pending adoption of the LDP. The Development Brief was endorsed by Members on 11th July therefore the application can now be progressed. He was informed due to officer leave it was unlikely the application will go before the 9th September meeting but recommended to check the agenda (which will not be out until the 2nd Sept).

Cty Cllr Morris was surprised a two year old application is being dealt with without re-consultation. The Park should provide an explanation as to what is happening.

Cllr Sharman reported David James (the previous Rural Housing Enabler) had informed him Powys is no longer funding affordable housing. Cty Cllr Morris reported the Welsh Assembly provide funding – however complication is that BBNPA has decided to retain all commuted funds – if there is a commuted sum for Cwrt Y Gollen they will use it themselves. The Park is considering setting up its own housing association.

Cllr Sharman noted PCC has reduced the number of houses allocated in its LDP by 50% more or less, however The Park has not. It was questioned why haven't numbers been reduced in the National Park?

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1058 – 1060] Subject to a couple of amendments - Page 1059 Item 11 - waste hasn't been collected on the correct day for 2 weeks; Item 14 Emyr (not Amair) and Dai (not Dave) it was proposed by Cllr Mabberley, seconded by Cllr Christy and agreed the minutes of the 28th July 2014 meeting be accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes:** The Clerk spoke with PC Andy Pole regarding the suggested closure of Crickhowell Police Station. He states this is not the case. The police are however looking to reduce costs and there are proposals to relocate the Police Station to the Fire Station. This in his opinion will prove a better location. In light of this the Clerk has not written to the Chief Commissioner as requested. Members agreed this action was no longer required.

Costs for replacing the benches with maintenance free plastic were reported to be in the region of £305 with backs/£178 without backs.

Cllr Llewelyn offered to install the replacement wooden bench at Hall Farm, Llangenny. The Clerk with liaise with Cllr Llewelyn regarding delivery/installation of this bench.

It was reported costs of notice boards vary dependent on material and quality. A quote of £850 has been received for one in wood; suitable plastic boards range from £1,393 and metal £2,500. Cllr Sharman noted he has seen a notice board made from recycled maintenance-free materials made by a company called "Greenbarn" and suggested a price be obtained from this company.

7. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** Wales & West Housing report the project went out to tender however costs were quite a bit over the level they need to be and what was expected. They are working to see if savings can be made to move the scheme forward. They will be in contact when they have further information.
8. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** The Working Party has now met on three occasions. Leaflets have been distributed amongst Glangrwyney residents to ensure they are aware the planning application is due to be decided imminently and to identify people prepared to protest/speak at the PAROW meeting. Kirsty Williams AM and Roger Williams MP believe the application should go out for further consultation however it is likely it will be determined on the 9th September. Residents have been asked to attend a meeting on Thursday, 21st August at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall to discuss ways forward. Both the AM and MP have requested a meeting with Chris Morgan and John Cook to ask for further consultation however to date a response has not been received.

It was questioned whether a letter drafted by Cllr Christy should be sent however it was decided to wait to see how the matter progresses.

9. **Grwyne Fawr Reservoir/Rights of Access:** Cllr Mabberley reported Welsh Water is meeting in the near future to discuss this site and are due to get back to him.
10. **Local Government White Paper Reforming Local Government:** It was agreed to try and arrange a meeting with representatives of the Five Councils for Thursday 4th September at 7.30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

11. Any Other Business: *for information only*

The Clerk reported when visiting the top picnic site in Grwyne Fawr she was appalled to see the amount of rubbish left scattered around and asked whether signs could be erected asking people to take their litter home with them. Cllr Maberley reported Dai Williams (Natural Resource Wales) is looking to get funding for signs to stop camping in the forestry.

Cllr Maberley reported he had received a request to contact Kirsty Williams AM regarding the poor quality of broadband in the area. Cllr Sharman offered to bring this matter to her attention.

12. Finance:

12.1 The following items were presented for approval: G M James (Salary £200/Exp £25), HM Revenue & Customs £50; Mrs J Morgan - care of notice board; £12; OVW Training £23.52; OVW Conference £70

It was proposed by Cllr Fairclough seconded by Cllr Sharman and agreed to approve the above payments.

12.2 **Annual Return:** BDO have confirmed there are no matters arising which they wish to draw to the Council's attention and it is their intention to issue an unqualified certificate. Members were asked to approve the return and the Chairman asked to certify Section 3 prior to it being sent to the external auditors in order they may issue the Final Audit certification.

Cllr Sharman proposed the return be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Morris and agreed. Cllr Morris proposed the Clerk is paid travelling expenses in view of the additional meetings required in relation to CYG. It was agreed to pay £10. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman. Cllr Sharman proposed the Clerk was paid for the additional hours incurred. It was decided to leave this decision for a further meeting.

13. Highways:

The danger of cars parking on Bellfountain Road/Greenhill Way was again discussed. It was agreed to report this matter to the police.

Potholes were noted to have been repaired in Grwyne Fawr.

Problems remain with traffic speeding through Glangrwyney. Previous traffic calming proposals had referred to an island, however it was understood the road was too narrow for this. It was understood the chevrons installed should go throughout the length of the village. An electronic speed sign is also needed. It was agreed to write to Kirsty Williams AM and Edwina Hart AM to request this.

14. Reports on Meetings Attended: None attended.

15. To receive items of general Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A and discuss as appropriate:

1. One Voice Wales:

- (i) Invitation to Exhibition 'A Sense of Energy' - The Senedd in Cardiff Bay (30th Sept - 2nd Oct).
- (ii) The Ombudsman's Casebook - Issue 17
- (iii) The Devolution of Services presentation
- (iv) Natural Resource Management Bulletin – Issue 13 July 2014
- (v) People's Postcode Trust - Grants from £500 - £5,000.
- (vi) AVOW E-Bulletin - Edition 19

2. Roman Benches: prices for plastic benches

3. PAVO: Diary Marker - PAVO's 2014 Conference and AGM 'A Third Sector Scheme for Powys'.

4. PAVO: Briefing Sheet – August 2014

5. PCSO Stephen Legg – August Police Report

6. WG - Renting Homes - Illustrative Model Contract Consultation

7. Police & Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys: Quarterly Newsletter

8. Brecknock & Radnor CHC: Notification of full Council Meeting on 11/08/14

9. BBNPA:

- (i) Application 14/10880/FUL – *on agenda*
- (ii) Application 14/10965/FUL – *on agenda*
- (iii) Application 14/10883/FUL has been permitted.
- (iv) Application 14/10846/FUL: has been permitted

10. **OVW:** Invoice - Devolution of Services Training - £23.52

11. **PCC:** Summer Ambassadors – Notes for Community Councillors. Notification of events to discuss Community delivery: The Elim Church Brecon, 08/10/14: (Cllr Sharman & Fairclough to attend)

16. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence

1. **Fire & Rescue Service:** Offer to talk to Members to showcase their varying roles in the community.
2. **BDO:** No issues arising. An unqualified certificate will be issued.
3. **PAVO:** Courses in Llandrindod Wells/Brecon/Newtown.
4. **PCC:** change of rubbish collection days due to Bank Holiday
5. **BBNPA:** inviting people to vote for the Authority's next scrutiny topic.

17. Clerk's Report/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: None reported.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:20pm